



August 18, 2010

Technical Advisory Committee	Agenda Item 2
Consider recommending to the Transportation Policy Board that the Interim Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute a travel demand model improvements contract with the highest scoring consultant with knowledge that if a satisfactory contract cannot be negotiated, CAMPO staff may then negotiate with the next highest scoring consultant until a contract is signed	

On July 6, 2010 CAMPO issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit proposals for improvements to its modeling program. Proposals were due on August 4th. A Pre-Qualifications meeting was held on July 13th with five firms in attendance. Proposals were received from the following 4 firms

- AECOM Technical Services, Inc.,
- Alliance Transportation Group, Inc.,
- Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc., dba PBS&J and
- Wilbur Smith Associates

The specific goal of the RFQ is to determine which firm is best suited to advance the CAMPO model in the following areas:

- Development of a four-period model (a.m., mid-day, p.m. and off-peak);
- Update transit speeds by mode or routes by time to better reflect actual transit speeds;
- Update the structure of the toll function;
- Update the skimming and path building processes to better fit with FHWA and FTA guidance;
- Evaluate the use of auto ownership versus income level to determine trip production and mode choice;
- Development of the drive to transit trips in the highway assignment; and
- Enhance the highway and transit master networks.

A copy of the RFQ is available upon request.

Proposals were reviewed and evaluated by representatives from CAMPO, Capital Metro, City of Austin, CTRMA TxDOT – Austin District and TxDOT – Transportation Planning and Programming Division. Interviews have been arranged for Tuesday, August 24 to determine the ranking of the finalists. Updated information will be presented at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting on August 25.

RECOMMENDATION

That the TAC recommends the Transportation Policy Board authorizes the Interim Executive Director to negotiate and execute a travel demand model improvements contract with the highest scoring consultant with knowledge that if a satisfactory contract cannot be negotiated, CAMPO staff may then negotiate with the next highest scoring consultant until a contract is signed.

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